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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on June 12, 2000, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report dated October 23, 2002 for corresponding European Application No. EP 00 10 5561, to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 9-275466, published on October 21, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 10-84380, published on March 31, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

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Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 10-98572, published on April 14, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

European Patent Application No. EP 0 872 998 A1, published on October 21, 1998; International Publication No. WO 98/58492, published on December 23, 1998; and European Patent Application No. EP 0 967 779 A2, published on December 29, 1999.

Applicant notes that the category of relevance of each of the above-mentioned documents with respect to the various claims of the EP application, as well as the relevant passages of these documents, is as discussed in the European Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the issuance of an Office Action on the merits, Applicant submits that no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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